

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Drawings

Applicants have attached hereto replacement drawings without the black line (a copying artifact) appearing in the drawings. Because the drawings are not amended, applicants have not provided an annotated copy of the drawings.

Priority Document

The PTO acknowledged the receipt from the International Bureau of the priority document in the Notification of Acceptance dated May 20, 2005. Accordingly, acknowledgement of receipt of the certified copy of the priority document from the International Bureau is respectfully requested in the next communication from the examiner.

Rejections Under 35 USC 102(b)

Applicants have amended the claims in order to overcome the prior art rejection.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to

charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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